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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Deputy Director (Research)

SUBJECT 25X1A : Return of [ ] to ZI

1. This memorandum contains recommendations for DCI approval in paragraphs 3 and 4.

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2. As you know, the [ ] has completed its coverage of the Sino-Indian border and is being held at this time in hopes of completing the North Vietnam mission, which is somewhat easier to complete from [ ]. Unfortunately, we have run into a weather pattern in the Southeast Asia area which has resulted in complete cloud coverage over this area for the past three weeks. We see no break in sight at this time. Aircraft #342 is overdue for IRAN and should be brought back to Burbank as soon as possible.

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3. In view of the above weather, I recommend immediate redeployment of the [ ] to the ZI and coverage of the North Vietnam requirement from [ ].

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4. I further recommend that Aircraft #358, presently being held at Edwards as a contingency for the Cuban situation, be released for deployment to provide a second aircraft at [ ]. We will still have Aircraft #359 at Edwards for any Cuban requirement.

5. Your approval of the above recommendations is respectfully requested.

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Assistant Director  
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Recommendations in paras. 3 and 4 APPROVED:

*DCI not!! but did not approve*

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Director of Central Intelligence

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Date

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